

Environment Committee

Re: Bill 210

I am writing in support of the Raised S.B. No. 210, to allow municipalities completing a survey of unlicensed dogs to keep a larger portion of the dog license fees. It is the municipal Animal Control Officers that do the tedious work of going door to door in search of unlicensed dogs. This is a long process that takes the Animal Control Officers away from other duties, especially in the case of the part-time ACOs. I don't know of any other government agencies that must go out to homes, knocking on doors, to search for someone that might be breaking a law. The time and gas for our vehicles does not make this practice to be profitable for the towns. Without the survey being done the towns must send half of the licensing fees to the State. It is only fair that a town that completes the survey should be able to keep eighty per cent of the license fees which helps to fund our Animal Control Departments.

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